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Sent: 3/30/2021 9:11:24 PM
To: Giarmoleo, Julia [Giarmoleo.Julia@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Congressman Ted Lieu-Inquiry regarding DDT Dumping off Coast of Catalina
Attachments: Draft Response to Congressman Lieu 3.30.21 jg edits.docx

Hi Julia,

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Also, did John Chesnutt confirm that SEMD would be willing to do an update with Rep Lieu's staff on deep ocean DDT disposal? Before we send this response please doublecheck that with John C., as my understanding is that we're not in a good position to do in-real-time updating on DDT deep ocean disposal. On PV Shelf, yes, but not on deep ocean disposal.

Thanks,

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From: Giarmoleo, Julia <Giarmoleo.Julia@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 12:05 PM
To: Alpern, Michael <Alpern.Michael@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Congressman Ted Lieu-Inquiry regarding DDT Dumping off Coast of Catalina

Hi Mike,

Attached are my edits to John's response to Rep, Lieu's office.

It's worth noting that I worked quite a bit with Joey Apodaca (Rep. Lieu's Senior Field Rep) at SBA so I felt comfortable with a less formal tone, but am happy to change it if you think a bit more formality is warranted.

Thanks!

Julia

From: Chesnutt, John <Chesnutt.John@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 10:25 AM
To: Giarmoleo, Julia <Giarmoleo.Julia@epa.gov>
Cc: Huang, Judy <Huang.Judy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Congressman Ted Lieu-Inquiry regarding DDT Dumping off Coast of Catalina

Julia, Attached is a draft email for you to review and send. Since it is nearly identical to info in the other recent responses, I don't see a need to send it through my upper management unless your office makes significant changes.

John

From: Giarmoleo, Julia <Giarmoleo.Julia@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 6:23 AM
To: Chesnutt, John <Chesnutt.John@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Congressman Ted Lieu-Inquiry regarding DDT Dumping off Coast of Catalina

Wonderful, thank you! It would actually be me sending it – just wanted to note 😊

Thanks!

Julia

From: Chesnutt, John <Chesnutt.John@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2021 6:09 PM
To: Giarmoleo, Julia <Giarmoleo.Julia@epa.gov>; Gill, Sonam <Gill.Sonam@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Congressman Ted Lieu-Inquiry regarding DDT Dumping off Coast of Catalina

Fyi. We are turning to this next.

John

From: Chesnutt, John
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2021 5:46 PM
To: Huang, Judy <Huang.Judy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Congressman Ted Lieu-Inquiry regarding DDT Dumping off Coast of Catalina

Judy, I just spoke with Mike Alpern.

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If you could continue working on the version you started and then send to me, I would appreciate it.

JL also had a very productive discussion with NOAA last Friday. I'll talk with you about that soon.

John

From: Giarmoleo, Julia
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2021 8:47 AM
To: Manzanilla, Enrique <Manzanilla.Enrique@epa.gov>; Herrera, Angeles <Herrera.Angeles@epa.gov>; Chesnutt, John <Chesnutt.John@epa.gov>
Cc: Alpern, Michael <Alpern.Michael@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Congressman Ted Lieu-Inquiry regarding DDT Dumping off Coast of Catalina

Good morning!

I wanted to follow-up on the below inquiry from Rep. Lieu's office? Given the nature of the request (and the recent volume of similar inquiries/responses) I think we would be able to repurpose a good amount of language from those other recent responses, but as always I defer to your expertise.

Thank you,

Julia

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Cc: Alpern, Michael <Alpern.Michael@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Congressman Ted Lieu-Inquiry regarding DDT Dumping off Coast of Catalina

Good afternoon!

Below is another DDT request! This time from Rep. Lieu's office requesting updates on the DDT dumping mentioned in the LA Times article (linked below). We can respond informally via email to this request. Please let me know how you would like to proceed.

Thanks!

Julia

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From: Apodaca, Joey <Joey.Apodaca@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2021 1:20 PM
To: Gill, Sonam <Gill.Sonam@epa.gov>
Subject: Congressman Ted Lieu-Inquiry regarding DDT Dumping off Coast of Catalina

Hello Sonam,

I am writing regarding the issue of DDT and possibly other chemical pollutants that, per recent discovery and photographic footage, appear to have been dumped off the coast of Catalina Island. As reported in the Los Angeles Times article linked below (Rosanna Xia, "How the Waters Off Catalina became a DDT Dumping Ground," October 25, 2020), soil samples thus far have shown dangerously high DDT levels, and the extent of the damage caused by this pollution is unknown.

<https://www.latimes.com/projects/la-coast-ddt-dumping-ground/>

As Congressman Lieu's 33rd Congressional district encompasses the entirety of the Santa Monica coastline, which is nearby the dumping sites in question, Congressman Lieu is requesting any updates on this matter that the EPA can share at this point. Thank you for your time and attention to this inquiry. I look forward to your correspondence.

Sincerely,

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